

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**October 24, 2012**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
October 24, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, One S. Third Street to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Mayor Panto followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)  
Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor Clerk, and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were twelve other persons present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren the Agenda was approved by the following vote

Yeas: Panto, Warren, Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, Fleck, Brown (7)  
Nays: None (0)

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Warren the October 10, 2012 Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)  
Nays: None (0)

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

There were no remarks from the audience.

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following report was received by Council:  
(a) Monthly Fire Report for September 2012.

Mayor Panto accepted the report on behalf of Council.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee had no report.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding approving allocation of the 2013 CDBG Funds.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reported that the Planning Committee met on October 23, 2012 and the next meeting will be on November 13, 2012, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving seven Certificates of Appropriateness, and to support the desire of Northampton Place at Easton.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving a Labor Agreement with the Fire Fighters. He also commended the Police and Fire Departments for their actions at a chemical spill on Route 22 at Cemetery Curve.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation she would have for later in the meeting regarding amending sections in Chapter 500, Solid Waste; Recycling of the Codes of the City, approving a Stormwater Runoff Control Facilities and Maintenance Agreement and for approving an Agility Agreement with Penn DOT.

Mr. Fleck, Chairman of the Administration Committee said that he had received a rough copy of the Council's Code of Conduct and said that a meeting would be held early next year to discuss this.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor and Mr. Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor had no report.

Mayor Panto reported that he had been at an earlier presentation at the Easton Area Community Center regarding helping children learn about the benefits of eating fresh vegetables, gave an update on the S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street reconstruction, spoke regarding City Hall 101 which had taken place earlier in the day, and spoke about construction permits which have not slowed down at all this year, said that Penn DOT will be working with Dave Hopkins and the Forester to replace trees on the Karl Sterner Arts Trail, and said that the Easton Area School Board had approved the expansion of the KOZ and now it will have to go before Northampton County Council for their approval or disapproval.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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Bill No. 41, (Ordinance 5377) Amending Sections in Chapter 500, Solid Waste; Recycling, of the Codes of the City of Easton, was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote.

Dr. Ruggles asked questions on wording in the amendment that would require an owner, landlord or agent of an owner of any residential housing property to annually provide written documentation to the city's recycling coordinator the total number of tons recycled.

There was a discussion on this matter between Council members, and Attorney Murphy.

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (6)

Nays: Ruggles (1)

Ordinance 5377 amends sections in the Solid Waste; Recycling Codes of the City of Easton.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A response letter was received from State Representative Robert Freeman regarding Resolution 129-2012.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve allocations for 2013 CBDG funds.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

148-2012

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

An October 16, 2012 letter regarding Historic District reports and recommendations for Certificates of Appropriateness was received from Christine Ussler.

The next seven items on the Agenda were proposed Resolutions which would approve Certificates of Appropriateness for 121 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 91 Larry Holmes Drive, 315 Northampton Street, 322 Northampton Street, 527 Northampton Street and 70 N. West Street.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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155-2012

There being no objections, the above Resolutions were adopted by one vote on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

Yeas: Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (7)  
Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a four (4) year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Local 713, International Association of Fire Fighters.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

156-2012

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

All Council members commended the City's negotiating team and Local 713 for working together to bring forth an Agreement that benefited both the City and the Fire Fighters and negated the need for Arbitration.

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck (7)  
Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the waiving of parking meter fees at designated bagged meters and the S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Northampton Street and Church Street surface parking lots.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

157-2012

There was a discussion on this matter, regarding what meters would be included, if the Resolution should include Sundays, who would bag the meters and regarding making the Public aware of this.

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The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. Warren by the following vote;

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles (7)

Nays: None (0)

An October 17, 2012 memorandum, regarding City Council agenda items was received from Director David Hopkins.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Stormwater Control Facilities Agreement between the City and Sharbel Koorie.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

158-2012

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

Yeas: Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agility Work Plan, with Penn DOT.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

159-2012

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

Yeas: Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (7)

Nays: None (0)

An October 19, 2012 memorandum, regarding Easton Home/Northampton Place at Easton was received from Director Bradley.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (7)

Nays: None (0)

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Kirk Raup, 1818 Union Boulevard, Bethlehem Pa., spoke regarding the need for rail service for the Lehigh Valley.

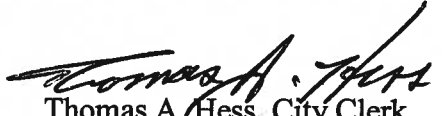
Council members replied to Mr. Raup's comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p. m. on the motion of Mr. Fleck and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Warren, Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, Fleck, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

  
Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

Stated Session  
Wednesday  
October 24, 2012  
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. ACTION ON MINUTES – October 10, 2012 Council meeting minutes.
7. CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – (Agenda Items Only)
8. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
  - (a) Monthly Fire Report for September 2012
9. ACCEPTING REPORTS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL.
10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
  - (a) Finance (Kenneth Brown)
  - (b) Economic Development (Sandra Vulcano)
  - (c) Planning (Roger Ruggles)
  - (d) Public Safety (Jeffrey Warren)
  - (e) Public Works (Elinor Warner)
  - (f) Administration (Michael Fleck)
  - (g) Report of City Solicitor (Attorney William Murphy)
  - (h) Report of Mayor (Salvatore J. Panto Jr.)
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - (a) Action on Legislative Bills.
    1. Bill 41, Amending Sections in Chapter 500, Solid Waste; Recycling of the Codes of the City of Easton, Pa.
12. CORRESPONDENCE
  - (a) Robert L. Freeman, Response Letter to Resolution 129-2012
13. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Approving 2013 CDBG Allocations.(R)
  - b. Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 121 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.(R)

- c. Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 91 Larry Holmes Drive.(R)
- d. Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 315 Northampton Street.(R)
- e. Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 322 Northampton Street.(R)
- f. Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 527 Northampton Street.(R)
- g. Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 418 Spring Garden Street.(R)
- h. Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 70 N. West Street.(R)
- i. Approving a Four year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local; 713 IAFF.(R)
- j. Authorizing waiving of parking meter fees.(R)
- k. Approving a Stormwater Control Facilities Agreement.(R)
- l. Approving an Agility Work Plan, Agility Agreement with Penn DOT.(R)
- m. Voicing support for the Easton Home expansion.(R)

14. CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD - On any matter.

15. ADJOURNMENT